

City of Madison

Minutes of Regular Meeting

April 15th, 2019

Call to Order: Mayor Paul Dean called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. Council Members present: Samantha Watts, Nick Cherry and Daryl May. Earl Murphy was absent.

City Employees Present: City Clerk, Victoria Stewart

Public: Tammy Seimears with Madison News and Jody Thomas.

Approval of Agenda: Samantha made the first motion. Nick seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Pledge of Allegiance: Mayor Paul Dean led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Minutes of Special Meeting for March 29th, 2019 and Minutes of Meeting for April 1st, 2019: Nick made the first motion. Daryl seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Approval of Accounts Payable: Nick made the first motion. Daryl seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Open Forum: Samantha Watts informed the Council that Scott and Julie Dreasher are willing to donate a lot and James Paugh would like to donate a greenhouse to have a community garden in Madison. She asked if the City could donate the water usage for the garden. The Council agreed to having a community garden and the water usage donation. Paul also suggested seeing if there was a nearby well that could also be used.

Clerk and Treasurer Reports: City Clerk, Victoria Stewart, reported that the chairs at the pool are in poor condition. She presented pool chair prices from Recreation Supply Company at 16 chairs for \$3860.67. Daryl made the first motion to approve the purchase. Nick seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Victoria then stated that Levi Vinson informed the City there is an Incident Command System training in Eureka and at least two City representatives will need to attend. No specific date has been set yet.

Reports from the Governing Body: Nick asked what the status was on the building located on the corner of 3rd and Madison Ave. Victoria reported that the owners are trying to rent a lift to make the needed repairs. Nick then asked for the barricades to be placed back in that area as there are still bricks falling onto the sidewalk.

Mayor Paul Dean presented a \$2,000.00 donation to the ballfields from Jon and Abby Larkin and the Main Street Mommas. He then requested the City purchase one more load of red dirt at an estimated cost of \$1,200.00-\$1,500.00. Daryl made the first motion of approval. Samantha seconded. Motion carried 3-0. It was also reported that the bathrooms are being painted and more repairs have been made.

Mayor Paul Dean presented a new demolition program the City of Madison would like to offer. The program assists property owners in demolishing dilapidated buildings/homes by sharing the demolition costs 50/50 of up to a total of \$6,000.00, the City paying a maximum of \$3,000.00. If the project goes above \$6,000.00, the property owner would be required to pay the remaining amount. Paul mentioned that during past public comment on this issue, there were 30-40 citizens present and no one was against having taxes going toward this program. The Council also decided not to have a financial need requirement. Tammy Seimears with the Madison News asked the Council if there would be a limit on houses demolished per year and Paul stated that it would be discretionary, depending on the City's budget each year. Nick made the first motion to approve the program. Daryl seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Adjournment: Daryl made the first motion to adjourn the meeting. Nick seconded. Motion carried 3-0.